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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN ATTACK ON JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL

REF: TOKYO 12280

1. FONOFF (ENDO) REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS REPLY TO REPEATED JAPAN RED CROSS INQUIRIES RECEIVED AT 0600 SEPTEMBER 5, AND MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) AS RESULT OF INCIDENT, TWO JAPANESE FISHERMEN DEAD AND TWO WOUNDED. FIVE OTHER CREWMEN IN GOOD HEALTH. (NAMES SUPPLIED AND FAMILIES NOTIFIED BY GOJ.)

(B) REASON FOR UNHAPPY INCIDENT WAS INTRUSION INTO DPRK TERRITORIAL WATERS OF UNIDENTIFIED BOAT, WHICH UPON BEING SIGNALLED TO STOP BY NORTH KOREAN PATROL CRAFT, REFUSED TO OBEY. (JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS FROM JAPANESE FISHERMEN WHO WITNESSED INCIDENT SAID THAT BOAT

SEIZED COULD NOT UNDERSTAND NORTH KOREAN SIGNALS.) DPRK PATROL CRAFT, BELIEVING UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL WAS AMERICAN OR SOUTH KOREAN, OPENED FIRE, THEN TOOK VESSEL TO PORT (UNIDENTIFIED).

(C) NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT WISHES TO SOLVE MATTER IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY MANNER.

2. AT 1100 SEPTEMBER 5, JAPAN RED CROSS CABLED BACK REQUESTING THAT VESSEL, CREW, AND BODIES BE RETURNED AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

3. FONOFF AWAITING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. WHILE PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT GOJ WILL MAKE DEMARCHE THROUGH THIRD COUNTRY WITH EMBASSY IN PYONGYANG, ENDO INFORMS US THAT THIS MAY NOT BE NECESSARY IF RED CROSS CHANNEL PROVES EFFECTIVE.
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